

REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the application. Claim 1 is rejected in the application. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 2-19 have been added. Claims 1-19 remain in the case for reconsideration. No new subject matter has been added. Reconsideration is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

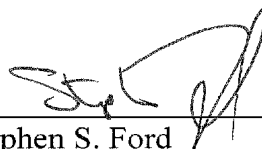
Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 in prior U.S. Patent No. 6,726,028. This is a double patenting rejection. Claim 1 has been amended so that claim 1 is no longer coextensive in scope with claim 1 in the '028 patent. In addition, a terminal disclaimer has been provided to overcome any other doubling patenting rejections.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-19 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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